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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications

FROM: James H. McDonald
Director of Logistics

SUBJECT: Proposed Headquarters Notice - TEMPEST
Security Requirements

REFERENCE: Multi adse memo fr D/OC, dtd 23 May 80,
same subj. (OL 0 2414)

1. The Office of Logistics (OL) agrees that it is desirable to periodically issue an advisory designed to increase awareness of TEMPEST requirements. The proposed notice will meet the awareness goal, but may lead to delays in the procurement cycle through inadvertently encouraging recommendation for sole source procurement.

2. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the reference combine to delegate responsibility to the originator to ascertain that proposed equipment is TEMPEST certified. OL anticipates that the wording could encourage the identification of one brand name, essentially using TEMPEST as sole source justification, and thus violate the requirement for competitive bids. The Procurement Division would like the identification of a minimum of three TEMPEST approved devices that functionally meet the requirement, thereby allowing completion in the acquisition of the equipment. Possibly the following sentence added to paragraph 4 would be appropriate.

"As a further reminder, the law requires that equipment be procured through competitive procedures when possible. To conform with procurement policy, a minimum of three manufacturers should be identified in the procurement request, assuming the manufacturer's equipment can meet both functional and TEMPEST requirements."

OL 0 2414a

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STAT 3. [] Chief, Plans and Programs Staff,
STAT OL, extension [] is available to work with your representatives if you so desire.

/s/ James H. McDonald
James H. McDonald

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